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Gary Schiavone
c/o Metropolitan Transit Authority
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Re: Access-a-Ride Signs in front of Fountain House, 441 West 47th Street

Dear Mr. Schiavone:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that Access-a-Ride signs be installed in front of the Fountain House Independent Living for the Elderly facility on West 47th Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues.

Fountain House is home to 19 senior citizens with severe and persistent mental illness. They are all long time residents striving to remain active members of the Clinton community. Some of them have to use canes or walkers and one member uses an electric wheelchair. Most residents use Access-a-Ride and other vehicles on a daily basis to attend their programs.

Because of the current parking regulations (alternate side parking) there is no place for cars or vehicles to park or stand while the senior citizens get in and out of their means of transportation as they try to go about their daily business. In some cases there is not enough space between parked cars to access the street in wheelchairs. In addition the double-parked vehicles obstruct the normal flow of traffic.

We are therefore asking the MTA to install Access-a-Ride signs in front of the Fountain House at 441 West 47th Street to allow for two vehicles. Once the signs are installed, Fountain House will paint a yellow line on the curb between the two signs.

Sincerely,

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